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Press Freedom Seen Hard Hit

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KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 7—Freedom of the press is at its lowest ebb since World War II, according to Tom Harris, chairman of the freedom of the press committee of the Inter-American Press Association.

Harris spoke at the opening meeting of the committee during a delegate meeting yesterday. He said the meeting was "a call to battle for all members of the association to restore and protect one of man's most sacred rights—his right to the news and comment upon the news."

Harris said that in the few months since the last meeting in Washington "the long dark shadow" of military dictatorship had widened until it had all but eclipsed freedom of the press in continental South America.